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APO 757, U. S. ARMY

21 July 1947

In reply
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SUBJECT: Operation FIREWEED

TO : Office of the Director of Intelligence CINCEU,
APO 742, U.S. ARMY,
Attn: Major GRANT

1. With reference to subject operation I would like to give you the following information as to what action has been taken at this end to date.

2. Frau MARY HILGER and her daughter, Frau ELISABETH (nickname LSIKA) SCHAAIB, and the latter's two daughters, the older of which is eight years old, are to be brought to the U.S. Zone of Occupation. It is planned that they will proceed on their own to the address in Berlin supplied by your office, i.e. BOZENER STRASSE # 10, SCHOENEBERG, first floor right. There they will be kept in protective custody until such time as they can be moved by air to the U.S. Zone.

3. To accomplish what has been set forth in Par. 2 above, action has been initiated to inform Mr. WOLFRAM HILGER, the nephew of Frau HILGER, to make arrangements to meet Frau SCHAAIB in Berlin. He should receive his instructions on or about 22 July 1947. When he meets Frau SCHAAIB he will instruct her to bring her mother and her two children to Berlin as soon as possible and to report to the address mentioned in Par. 2 above. There they will identify themselves with their documents of identity and with the password FIREWEED. The date of their arrival in Berlin can not be estimated at this time due to the complete lack of knowledge of the conditions existing in the Russian Zone as far as the women in question are concerned. As soon as there is any indication of the time of arrival you will be notified. However, in the meantime it is desirable that you be prepared to receive them in the event that they arrive unexpectedly.

4. Mr. Hilger is being instructed to come to you on word of an emergency. He will identify himself with his regular identity documents and with the password FIREWEED. He will ask that you be contacted if he is detained by U.S. authorities in Berlin and he will come to you if he ascertains the date of arrival of the women and feels that there is not sufficient time to notify you through this office.

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5. The Russians have a great interest in the people we are attempting to evacuate in this case and therefore it is urgent that they be afforded adequate protection against any type of harm or kidnapping from that quarter.

[Handwritten signature]
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Operations Officer

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